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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-66 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. **Claims 34-66** are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 34:

Line 4, "the area" should be changed to "an area".

Line 6, "said receiving units" should be changed to "said plurality of receiving units".

Line 7, "said at least partially known part" should be changed to "the at least partially known part".

Line 9, "said dividing arrangement" should be changed to "the dividing arrangement".

Claim 35:

Line 1, "claim 1" should be changed to "claim 34".

Claim 38:

Lines 2-3, "a interference removing unit" should be changed to "an interference removing unit".

Claim 44:

Lines 2-3, "said allocated signal from said given one of the sections" should be changed to "the allocated signal from a given one of the sections".

Claim 45:

Line 3, "the section" should be changed to "the sections".

Line 3, "the adjacent sections" should be changed to "adjacent sections".

Claim 47:

Line 2, "the difference" should be changed to "a difference".

Line 2, "the desired signal" should be changed to "a desired signal".

Line 3, "received signal" should be changed to "received signals".

Claim 48:

Line 2, "the difference" should be changed to "a difference".

Line 2, "the desired signal" should be changed to "a desired signal".

Line 3, "received signal" should be changed to "received signals".

Claim 49:

Line 2, "the desired signal" should be changed to "a desired signal".

Claim 53:

Line 3, "said signal" should be changed to "said signals".

Claim 54:

Line 2, "said signal" should be changed to "said signals".

Claim 56:

Line 2, "received signal" should be changed to "received signals".

Line 3, "the associated receiving unit" should be changed to "an associated unit".

Claim 65:

Line 4, "the area" should be changed to "an area".

Line 6, "said receiving units" should be changed to "said plurality of receiving units".

Lines 7-8, "said at least partially known part of said signal" should be changed to "the at least partially known part of said signals".

Line 9, "said dividing arrangement" should be changed to "the dividing arrangement".

Line 12, "a plurality of different sections" should be changed to "the plurality of different sections".

Claim 66:

Line 4, "the area" should be changed to "an area".

Line 6, "said receiving units" should be changed to "said plurality of receiving units".

Lines 7-8, "said at least partially known part of said signal" should be changed to "the at least partially known part of said signals".

Line 9, "said dividing arrangement" should be changed to "the dividing arrangement".

Line 12, "a plurality of different sections" should be changed to "the plurality of different sections".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. **Claims 34-66** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
4. **Claim 34** recites the limitation "said receiver units" in lines 11-12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
5. **Claim 51** recites the limitation "said matrix" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
6. **Claim 65** recites the limitation "said receiver units" in line 11. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
7. **Claim 66** recites the limitation "said receiver units" in 11. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. **Claims 34-66** are allowed.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Inoue et al. (US 6,232,927) disclose Array Antenna Apparatus For Use In Spread Spectrum Communications With A Particular Interval Between Antenna Elements.

Wax et al. (US 6,466,565) disclose Measurement Of Spatial Signature Information In CDMA Wireless Communication Systems.

Chang et al. (US 6,249,251) disclose Hardware Efficient Demodulator For CDMA Apative Antenna Array Systems.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dac V. Ha whose telephone number is 571-273-3040.

The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dac V. Ha', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dac V. Ha
Examiner
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